

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, August 2007 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Black Hills Central Railroad Company making the railroad the longest continuously operated tourist railroad in the United States; and,

Whereas, The railroad has transported more than 3,000,000 passengers from every state in the United States and from nearly every country around the world; and,

Whereas, The Black Hills Central Railroad operates on a now isolated spur from Hill City to Keystone on the High Line that once ran from Edgemont to Deadwood, which supported the mining and lumber industries, as well as passenger service; and,

Whereas, The founder of the Black Hills Central Railroad Company, William Heckman, organized a group of individuals who believed, "There should be in operation at least one working steam railroad, for boys of all ages who share America's fondness for the rapidly vanishing steam locomotive."; and,

Whereas, The original destination of the narrow gauge tourist train went from Hill City to Oblivion and later on into Keystone, utilizing the standard gauge rail and equipment, passing vistas of Harney Peak and mining encampments along the route; and,

Whereas, In 1990, the Warder family purchased the railroad, renovating the steam locomotives and many passenger cars and adding additional equipment from other locations around the country, and built the depot gift shop in Keystone; and,

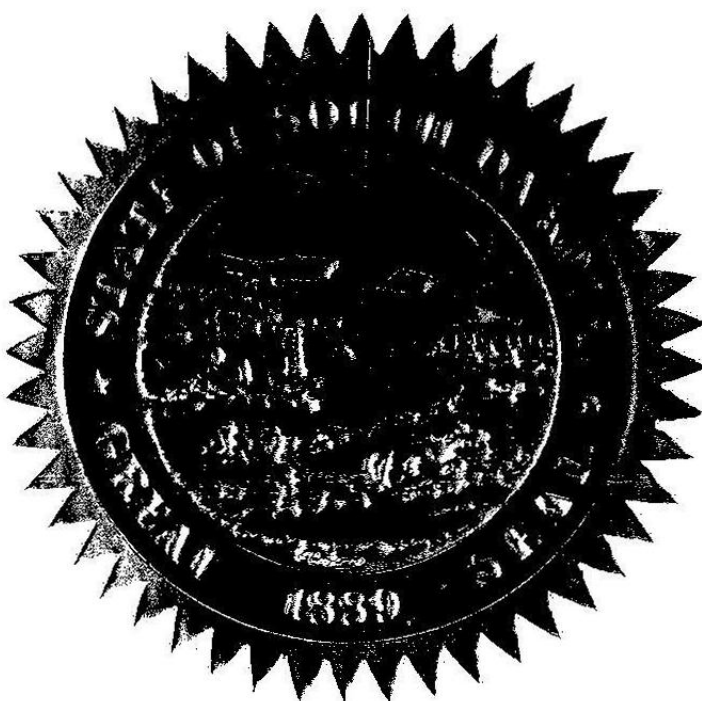
Whereas, The 1880 Train has been featured in many television series, as well as the epic Steven Spielberg mini-series, *Into the West*, *Orphan Train* and Disney's *Scandalous John*, and is listed on the U.S. Department of Interior's National Registry of Historic Places; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize the celebration of 50 years of operation of the 1880 Train by the Black Hills Central Railroad Company:

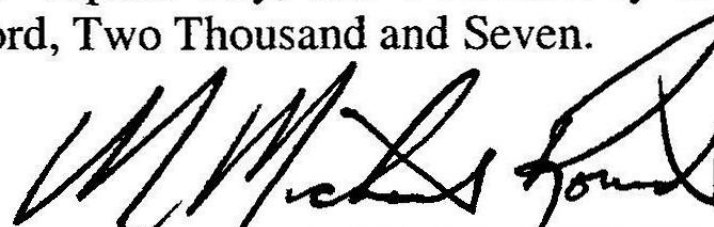
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2007, as

1880 TRAIN DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

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Whereas, South Dakota is home to 17,000 ranchers and cattlemen who provide a quality product to consumers across the state; and,

Whereas, There are 3.75 million head of cattle in South Dakota and the cattle industry contributes more than \$1.5 billion to the economy annually; and,

Whereas, South Dakota beef producers are stewards of the land, promoting environmental practices that will allow them to pass their improved farms and ranches to the next generation; and,

Whereas, It is important that the citizens of South Dakota recognize the valuable contributions the cattle industry makes to the health and well-being of our state; and,

Whereas, South Dakota cattle producers continue to meet the challenges of a changing industry to provide lean, high quality, nutritious and safe beef products to the consumer; and,

Whereas, Beef provides South Dakota consumers with a rich supply of important nutrients, including zinc, iron and protein; and,

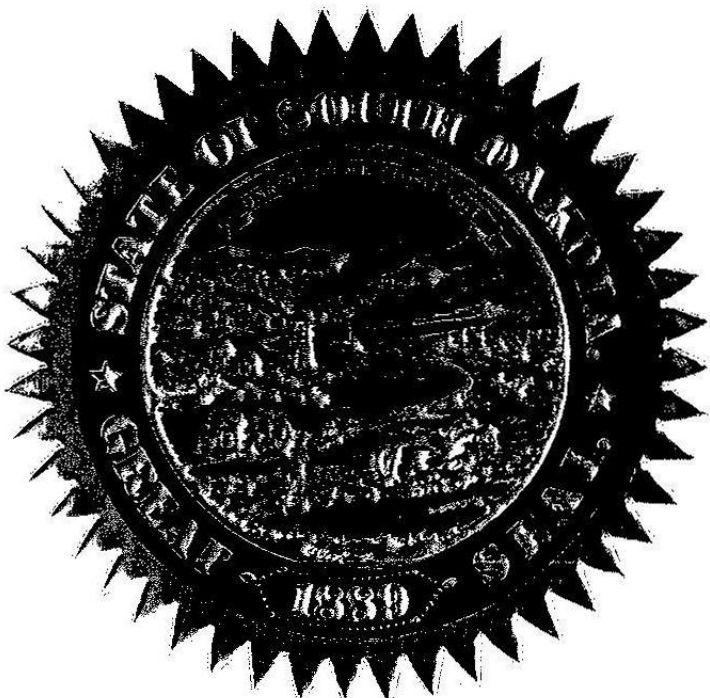
Whereas, The South Dakota CertifiedTM Beef program provides consumers a safe, wholesome, quality product while allowing beef producers to achieve increased profit opportunities; and,

Whereas, May is the beginning of the summer grilling season – a perfect time for South Dakotans to enjoy hamburgers, steaks and kabobs on the grill:

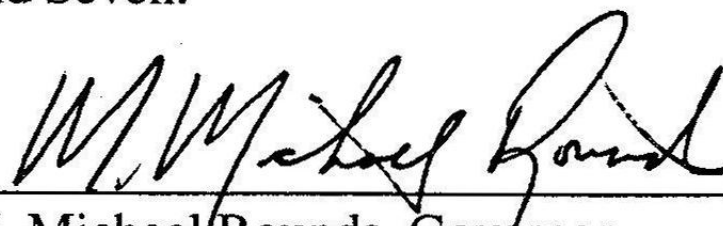
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as

BEEF MONTH

in South Dakota.




In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State